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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

U.S. Patent No. 5,656,344  
U.S. Patent No. 4,720,731  
U.S. Patent No. 4,616,125

These documents were cited during prosecution of a European patent application corresponding to the above-identified U.S. application. A copy of the European Search Report from the European Patent Office, which is dated January 13, 2004, is enclosed.

U.S. Patent No. 6,283,903, which was also identified in the European Search Report, was previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement dated January 28, 2004. Therefore, U.S. Patent No. 6,283,903 has not been included in this Information Disclosure Statement.

Inasmuch as the subject application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portions of Form PTO-1449.

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